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Courtney Feeley Karp  
Department of Energy Resources  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
100 Cambridge Street  
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Final Renewable Standard Rules-Existing Wood Class II

Dear Ms. Karp:


I operate and own T. Jepson & Son, in Spencer, MA. As a logging business we employ over 6 people. I have been in business for more than 23 years.

We sell significant quantities of lower grade (non-saw log quality) wood to the wood-fired power station Pinetree Fitchburg. This power station, and others like it, are an important market for this lower grade wood, and help to provide jobs in forestry and logging.

I am aware that the state recently passed a law that would help assist the existing power stations and the clean renewable power they provide. The rules being developed by the Department of Energy Resources for this law will have a significant impact on existing wood power stations, which in turn, will have a significant impact on the timberland economy and its jobs.

In particular, the rules being considered regarding revising the financial renewable credit created earlier this year by the Department can assist in covering wood fuel costs. I urge you to consider increasing this renewable clean power benefit because it will maintain jobs and clean renewable wood energy. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Tom Jepson  
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cc: Senator Brewer

Mr. Ian Bowles, Secretary of Energy and Environment